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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATIONS

New Delhi, the 27th September, 1948

No. 319/47-AN.—The Governor General has decided to constitute an Advisory Council for the Andaman Islands only, to be associated with the Chief Commissioner of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the discharge of his administrative functions and to lay down the following rules to regulate its constitution and procedure:—

(1) The Advisory Council will consist of the Chief Commissioner who will preside over the meetings, and five other Members. The Members shall be selected in such a manner as to secure as wide a representation of the various interests in the Islands as possible.

(2) The Members of the Council will be nominated by the Government of India in consultation with the Chief Commissioner, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The Council will function for a period of one year beginning from the 1st April 1949. A new Council will be nominated in the month of March every year, and will function for one year from the 1st of April of such year.

(3) The Chief Commissioner will seek the advice of the Council on:—

- (a) matters of administration involving general policy; schemes of development of agriculture, trade and industry; improvement of sanitation, communication, education and any other matter intended for the betterment of conditions of the population and to make the Islands self supporting; but not on matters relating to the day-to-day administration or in the matter of any appointments whatsoever;
- (b) general questions touching the implementation of general policy and schemes of development;
- (c) any other matter which the Chief Commissioner or the Government of India may refer to the Council.

(4) Subject to the discretion of the Chief Commissioner to refuse in the public interests to give information or to allow discussion, Members will have rights in regard to resolutions and interpellations analogous to and under similar limitations as those of the Central Legislature.

(5) Such officers as the Chief Commissioner may permit will be entitled to be present at the meetings and to participate in discussions or furnish information but will not have the right to vote.

(6) The functions of the Council will be advisory only but though their advice will not be binding on the Chief Commissioner, due weight will be given to it by him in reaching decisions or making recommendations to the Government.

(7) The Advisory Council will meet at least once in three months;

(8) The office of a Member of the said Council shall be honorary and shall not carry any remuneration.

H. V. R. IYENGAR, Secy

No. F. 32/11/48-Public.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) the Central Government is pleased to declare Saturday, the 2nd October 1948, to be a public holiday throughout the Dominion of India on account of the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.

E. C. GAYNOR, Dy. Secy

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 25th September 1948

No. PF-132/EMG(2).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (8) of section 5 of the Tea Districts Emigrant Labour Act, 1932 (XXII of 1932), the Central Government is pleased to fix rupees three as the rate of the Emigrant Labour Cess to be levied in respect of the entry into Assam of each assisted emigrant for the year commencing 1st October 1948 and ending 30th September 1949.

H. KHANNA, Dy. Secy.